LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TWELFTH DAY

Thursday, 30th March 1950.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

Mr. Speaker (Sri V. Venkatappa) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given).

MR. SPEAKER.—Question No. 67, Sri M. Madiah.

Introduction of the total Prohibition in the State.

*Q.—67. SRI M. MADIAH (Mysore District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of the districts in which total prohibition was introduced in the State after the Popular Government (Congress Government) came to power (a copy of the Government Order introducing total prohibition in the districts may kindly be appended);

(*b*) the reasons as to why total prohibition was not extended to the other districts in the State;

(*c*) whether they have decided or whether it is under their consideration to extend total prohibition to the other two or three districts in the State;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) *supra* is in the negative, the policy they wish to pursue in this behalf?

A.—SRI H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).

(*a*)

Kolar	...	From 1st July 1948.
Tumkur	...	
Chitaldrug	...	
Chikmagalur	...	From 1st July 1949
Shimoga	...	

Copies of orders are appended.

(*b*) The accepted policy is extension of prohibition in the entire State gradually.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration of Government.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*) above.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

G. O. No. S. R. 3814-24—Ex. 89-47-1, dated 12th April 1948.

Prohibition Programme.

Directs among others that the districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug should go dry from 1st July 1948 as a measure of the further implementation of the—.

Read—

Government Order No. S.R. 4638-67—Ex 37-46-27, dated the 17th June 1947, approving on the recommendation of the Prhhibition Committee of a policy of achieving total prohibition in the State in a period of five years by effecting a reduction in the number of shops and in the supply of intoxicants all over the State at a progressive rate of 20 per cent every year.

2. Government Order No. S R. 3071 82—Ex. 22-47 9, dated the 10th March 1948, directing that all excise shops in a five-mile belt adjacent to the dry districts of the Madras Presidency and all the remaining shops in Bowringpet Taluk be closed by the 31st March 1948.

Order No. S.R. 3814-24—Ex. 89-47-1, dated Bangalore, the 12th April 1948.

In pursuance of the policy of prohibition approved by Government on the recommendation of the Prohibition Committee, 611 excise shops were closed with effect from 1st July 1947. The remaining shops were leased out for the current year to the licensees of the previous year alone subject to a reduction of 20 per cent in the rentals and also in the supply of intoxicants, with a view to prevent unhealthy competition among excise contractors and to enlist their co-operation towards the scheme of prohibition. At the request of the Madras Government and with a view to extend Prohibition in the Mining area in which a large labour force is employed, shops within a five-mile belt of the border of the Prohibition districts of Madras Presidency and all the remaining shops in Bowringpet Taluk numbering in all about 295 have been closed down with effect from 1st April 1948.

2. In connection with the implementation of the prohibition programme for the year 1948-49, it has been brought to the notice of Government that there has been a strong divergence of opinion as to the mode of disposal of the remaining shops during the year 1948-49. Government have decided after a careful examination of all the aspects of the case that the districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug should go completely dry from 1st July 1948 and that the shops remaining over in the other districts might be disposed of by public auction for 1948-49.

3. They are accordingly pleased to direct that all the excise shops be closed in the districts of Chitaldrug, Tumkur and Kolar with effect from 1st July 1948 and all necessary steps taken to implement the decision to bring about total prohibition in the three districts from the beginning of the next year.

4. Licenses may however be granted to such of the Non Indians residing in the areas in which total prohibition is introduced as apply for permits for limited quantity of alcoholic drinks and to such of those who apply on the basis of medical certificates on the merits of each case. A notification in this behalf will be issued separately.

5. In view of the closure of the border shops from 1st April 1948 and of all the shops in the districts of Tumkur, Kolar and Chitaldrug from 1st July 1948 ordered above, Government consider that it is not necessary to effect a further cut of 20 per cent in the number of shops in the remaining districts during 1948-49. The Excise Commissioner is requested to take immediate necessary action to sell the existing shops in the remaining six districts by public auction for the year 1948-49.

The Excise Commissioner is requested to furnish a report of action taken in the matter for the information of Government at an early date.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

Read—

Government Order No. S.R. 4689-67—Ex. 37-46-27, dated 17th June 1947 approving of the recommendation of the Prohibition Committee for the adoption of a policy of achieving total prohibition in the State in a period of five years by effecting a reduction in the number of shops and in the supply of intoxicants all over the State at a progressive rate of 20 per cent every year.

2. Government Order No. S.R. 3071-82—Ex. 22-47-9, dated 10th March 1948; directing that all excise shops in the five-mile belt adjacent to the dry districts of the Madras Province and all the remaining shops in the Bowringpet Taluk be closed by the 31st March 1948.

3. Government Order No. S.R. 3814-24—Ex. 89 47-1, dated 12th April 1948, directing that all excise shops in the districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug be closed with effect from 1st July 1948 and that all necessary steps be taken to bring about total prohibition in the three districts.

4. Letter No. A. 1-957—48, dated 25th January 1948, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, requesting orders of Government as to which districts prohibition has to be extended during the year 1949-50 and regarding disposal of the excise shops in the remaining districts during the same year.

Order No. S.R. 5035-46—Ex. 100-48-5, dated Bangalore, the 4th April 1949.

In pursuance of the accepted policy of achieving total prohibition in the State within a period of five years, Government have decided after a careful examination of the several aspects of the case the total prohibition should be extended to the districts of Shimoga and Chikmagalur with effect from 1st July 1949 and are accordingly pleased to direct that all excise shops in the two districts of Shimoga and Chikmagalur be closed from the beginning of the year 1949-50.

They are also pleased to direct that the provisions of the Mysore Prohibition Act, 1918, be applied to the above mentioned two districts with effect from 1st July 1949. A notification on this behalf will be issued separately.

With reference to the districts to which prohibition does not apply on 1st July 1949, the conditions of auction, etc., will be on the same basis as in 1945-46.

The Excise Commissioner is requested to take immediate necessary action to sell the existing shops in the remaining four districts for the year 1949-50 and report to Government action taken in the matter for information.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ (ಬ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ 'The accepted policy is extension of prohibition in the entire State gradually' ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡೋಣವಾಯಿತು ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ 'gradually' ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.—Gradual ಆಗಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ? I want to know the year when the decision was taken.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—12-4-48ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು 1-4-49ರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದು ಎರಡು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆಜ್ಞೆಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಆಗಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಯೋಚನೆಮಾಡ್ಬುಟ್ಟು ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಯಿತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಕ್ರಮೇಣವಾಗಿ ತರಲೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸುವುದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಹೌದು, ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟಿಗೂ ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಜಾರಿ ಕೊಡಬಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಮಾಡಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷವೂ ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪವಾಗಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು 1948

ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಮಾಡಿ, 1949ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಮಾಡಿ, ಹೀಗೆ ಯೇ ಮುಂದೆಯೂ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಅರ್ಥವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—You cannot draw a hard line. ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಎಂದರೆ, ಇಂಥ ವಿಷಯವೇ ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.— ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಎಂದರೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷವೂ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಜಾರಿಮಾಡುವುದು ತಾನೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷವೂ ಜಾರಿ ಕೊಡಲೇಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅರ್ಥವಲ್ಲ, ಮುಂದಿನವರ್ಷ ವಿಲ್ಲ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಪಾನನಿರೋಧ ವನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಬಹುದು. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಎಂದು ನಿಷ್ಕರ್ಷೆಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಉದ್ದೇಶ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಾದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಹೀಗೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no use discussing it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ನುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯರವರು (ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ವಿಸ್ತಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ಮಧ್ಯೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರೆ, ಅದು gradual ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು.

Sri M. MADIAH.—In answer to (*c*) it is stated 'The matter is under the consideration of Government'. May I take it that no decision has been taken by the Government in regard to the future policy ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Decision not definite.

Sri M. MADIAH.—May I know the reason why total prohibition was not extended in the State ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಹಿಂದಿನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Policy is gradual ಎಂದರೆ whenever possible ಎಂದಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—'Gradual' includes 'whenever possible'.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—'Gradual' means continuous, is it not ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—It means that.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Therefore, if there is break in the middle, it will not be gradual ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—If there is no extension during a particular year, that does not mean it is not 'gradual'.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—'Gradual' and 'break in the middle' do not go together ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—We will have to take into consideration so many other circumstances.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Has tapping been going on in the dry districts for the use of other districts ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—In which of the dry districts please ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—I want notice.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—May I take it that the idea of introducing prohibition is to see that the evil of drink is got rid of ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is known to every one.

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—If that is so, would not the allowing of tapping in the dry districts place temptation in the way of those who are addicted to drink ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—We have taken care to see that no such thing happens.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Have the Government made any arrangements to supervise tapping ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Quite so.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know what those arrangements are ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—They are all details.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Have the Government taken care to see that tapped toddy is guarded while it is on transport from the dry to the wet district ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the arrangement made in that connection ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Police and Excise Departments are on the watch.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Do they follow the conveyances all through the way ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Here and there they will be checked.

Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MAHOMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—It was stated that it was the accepted policy of Government to introduce total prohibition. May I know during what period the Government propose to introduce total prohibition in the whole State ? Have they come to any conclusion in respect of this matter ?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—We cannot give the exact date and time.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Prohibition has been introduced in five districts. Have you made a survey or investigation as to how far this is successful?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Yes, we have done it to a considerable extent.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—May I know what your conclusions are? Prohibition in these five districts successful or not?

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—If the Hon'ble Member were to see the answer to Question 128, he will find the facts.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—It is rather embarrassing to refer to another Question. It is better if the Hon'ble Minister gives information with regard to this questien.

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Both Questions may be taken together.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—My point is that instead of referring me to another question it is better the Hon'ble Minister gives information with regard to this question.

Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—The figures speak for themselves. That is why I draw attention of the Hon'ble Member to the other question.

ಜನಾಬ್ ಜೆ. ಮಹಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂರವರು.—ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಯಪ್ರದವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆಯೋ, ಇಲ್ಲವೋ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಕಳ್ಳ ಭಟ್ಟಿ ಇಳಿಸುವುದು ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ. ಅದು ಏನಹ ಬಾಕಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಜಯಪ್ರದವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜನಾಬ್ ಜೆ. ಮಹಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂರವರು.—ಕಳ್ಳಭಟ್ಟಿ ಇಳಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ತಪೆಗಟ್ಟುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಹೋದ ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಜನಾಬ್ ಜೆ. ಮಹಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂರವರು.—ಅವರು ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯವರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—I would like to go a little further. I have tabled a Short Notice Question. If it is going to be answered, I am not going to put further supplementaries now.

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—Under Question No. 128 all these supplementaries come.

Janab J. MAHOMED IMAM.—We are concerned with the present question. The other question might or might not come up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think it is discussed threadbare.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡರು (ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಪಾನ ನಿರೋಧ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಂಡ ಇಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಮನೆ ಮನೆಗೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಸಪ್ಲೈ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next Question; No. 81.

Report of the Land Revenue Revision Committee.

*Q.—81. **Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Revision Committee submitted its report to the Government regarding the abolition of inamti and jodidari systems in the State;

(*b*) the action taken on the recommendations of the committee with regard to the abolition of inamti and jodidari systems?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report is under the active consideration of Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಭೂಕಂದಾಯ ಸುಧಾರಣಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಜೋಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇನಾಂತಿಗಳನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ವರದಿಮಾಡಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿನ ಆಯಿತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಎರಡು ತಿಂಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಆ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಕೊಡಬೇಕ್ಕೇ, ಕೊಡಬೇಡವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಇನ್ನೂ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. It is only an interim report.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಭೂಕಂದಾಯ ಸುಧಾರಣಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಅವರ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಇನ್ನು 15 ದಿನ ದೊಳಗೆ ಮುಗಿಸಬಹುದೆಂಬ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಣೆ ಇದೆ.